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Here is a snapshot from our week. Its intent is to give a "view from our desks" perspective rather than a complete picture of everything happening.

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Bonita Peak was one of several incidents we followed over the weekend that spilled (no pun intended) into this week. As concerns about releases from the Bonita Peak site receded, concerns about a rapidly spreading fire at the International Terminal Corporation facility at Deer Park, TX increased. The fire was reported to the National Response Center at about 10:30 am on Sunday. Region 6 requested that the Airborne Spectral Photometric Collection Technology (ASPECT) plane deploy to Deer Park to provide assistance with imagery and data collection of possible compounds being released. As the fire continued, ASPECT made multiple flights, providing aerial and infrared photographs. As of Monday, the fire continued to burn and involve more tanks. The fire was finally extinguished on Wednesday and ASPECT has continued to support the Region's needs. We are working with R6 to answer many questions about the incident and expect them to continue. Special thanks to CMAD's Mark Thomas for his tireless work on flights and reporting that helped EPA respond to this event that became a national news story. Thanks, too to Gina Perovich, Kim Jennings, Jim Belke and everyone who fielded quick turn-around questions about ASPECT capabilities, RMP facilities, and PFAS chemicals in firefighting foam.

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